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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DATA REPRODUCTION

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Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the method  
further comprises (h) applying corrections to each respective  
block of data in accordance with the results of the  
correction calculations performed in steps (e) and (g).

17. A decoder comprising input means for receiving at least  
one continuous data stream, the data stream incorporating an  
error protection code applied on the basis of a predetermined  
size of data block, wherein the decoder is arranged to